

**Amendments to the Specification**

At page 1, line 10, in the “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION” Section, please replace the paragraph beginning, “This application is related to ...” with the following new paragraph:

This application is related to ~~the U.S. application~~ U.S. Application No. 09/877,513, Attorney Docket No. 3330/60, filed June 8, 2001, and entitled, “VIRTUALIZING EXTERNAL DATA AS NATIVE DATA”, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.